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**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 BOX PATENT APPLICATION
 Washington, D.C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the
 [] patent application of
 [X] continuation patent application of
 [] divisional patent application of
 [] continuation-in-part patent application of

Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: JAMES BLAKE, et al.

For: CYSTEINE THIOL-PROTECTED PEPTIDES FOR USE IN IMMUNOASSAYS

[X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 08/462,749, filed on June 5, 1995; USSN 08/140,696, filed on October 21, 1993; USSN 07/532,429 filed on June 4, 1990; USSN 07/360,513, filed on June 2, 1989; the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference.
 [X] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [X] continuation of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 08/462,749, filed on June 5, 1995, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/140,696, filed on October 21, 1993, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 07/532,429 filed on June 4, 1990, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 07/360,513, filed on June 2, 1989, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

[X] 48 pages of specification
 [X] 9 pages of claims
 [X] 1 page of Abstract
 [] 0 sheet(s) of [] formal [] informal drawing(s).
 [X] A [X] signed [] unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney
 [X] A signed Appointment of Associate Power of Attorney
 [X] A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.

**In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),
 Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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